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Dear [redacted]

I was very glad to get your letter of 11th February after its adventurous travel, with your very full statement of the FBIS views on the serving of commercial press agencies. It was very helpful to us and we fully appreciate your viewpoint, and we therefore do not propose to proceed with any plan for enlarging our service.

With regard to the present teleprinter service which we give to the three news agencies, you will understand that we instituted this at the express request of our own Foreign Office because of the lack of Soviet material in this country available to news agencies, and therefore we feel we must continue this service. I can assure you, of course, that no FBIS monitored material is used, and it is limited to our own monitoring of Moscow Radio and the Tass news services. STAT

We were very glad to welcome both [redacted] on their visits and I personally was very pleased to make their acquaintance. We had fruitful discussions with both, and no doubt [redacted] will inform you of the various points which we covered. In particular, the question of the continuation of Stockholm on a permanent basis may, I anticipate, become a live issue round about the middle or end of May, and I feel that it might be of great assistance if your projected visit here could coincide with this. It may well be that if we are to continue Stockholm without additional funds, serious discussions between us will be necessary in order to see what pruning of our coverage is practicable so as to finance the Stockholm operation. As soon as I see how things are moving I will be better able to be more definite about dates, but I think it well to mention this at this stage as you will no doubt be planning ahead. STAT

Yours sincerely



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